



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

are application of

Docket No: Q66716

Toshikatsu FURUNAGA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/982,770

Group Art Unit: 1711

Confirmation No.: 8733

Examiner: Umakant K. RAJGURU

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For: SIZING AGENT AND RECORDING PAPER COMPRISING SIZING AGENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following Applicants' response to the outstanding rejection of October 24, 2003, once extended to February 24, 2004 by a one-month petition for extension of time and fee submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating during a telephone interview on November 21, 2003 that Paragraph 1 of the Action should read:

"Finality of rejection of claims 17, 19 and 20 is now withdrawn and following new rejection is set forth."

There was no other discussion of substance during that telephone interview.

The prior art considered: U.S. 4,908,240 Auhorn et al (Auhorn).